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## Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to Elias Baker, 1854 May 3

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Bladenburg May 3<sup>rd</sup>/54

My dear Sir -

I have received your  
favor of May 1<sup>st</sup> inclosing a check  
for \$100. I sent it to New York  
yesterday & directed my proxy to  
purchase a bill of exchange on Paris  
or London for the amount. I have  
written several times about the  
expens of the Custom House & how  
to avoid them as much as possible.  
by entering the looking glass & not  
the frame - & by putting the in case  
as low as possible &c -

I sent your diagram of the app-  
ointments about the Carpet  
& directed ~~sent~~ sent even more  
than the diagram calls for - both  
of border & Carpet -

In fine in all this matter I  
have given every direction that  
I could imagine to save expense

and mistake the rest must be  
left to chance or good luck.  
I have left nothing unruled that  
I would think of & rectified all  
the most important suggestions.

Culham is still sick in bed,  
we have been quite anxious  
about him & are so still tho  
the Dr says he is better - the  
bug which is called Gartin fever  
poor little fellow he bears it  
patiently -

We still have had weather  
yesterday a severe hail storm  
& raining off & on all day.

Love to all I hope Aunt  
will accompany you -

very truly & affectionately  
Thos. S. Clemens

Chas. Baker Esq.